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1999 Senior Class College Choices

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Caldwell, Will Washington University	Johnson, Zach Furman University	Serck, Chris University of Tennessee
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Chenery, Taylor UNC Chapel Hill	Latimer, Ryan Emory University	Swearingen, Travis University of Tennessee
Choate, Stephen Davidson College	Lewis, Michael Georgetown University	Tam, Jonathan University of Chicago
Colter, Matthew Southern Methodist University	Mazzoni, Adam Birmingham-Southern University	Thompson, John Vanderbilt University
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Davis, Jay Vanderbilt University	Milam, Erik Baylor University	Warfield, Miles Belmont University
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Dean, David Princeton University	Moss, Will DePaul University	Weigel, Robb Rhodes College
Eckstein, Andrew University of Michigan	Norton, Will Wake Forest University	Wesley, Thomas University of Colorado
Esterday, Andrew Washington University	Oliver, Louis Wake Forest University	Williams, Jonathan North Carolina State
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Farrell, David Yale University	Pollock, Brian University of Pennsylvania	Yasay, Justin University of Mississippi
Fitzhugh, Connor University of Colorado	Presley, Kempton Washington & Lee University	Yi, David Northwestern University
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Columbine High Disaster far too close to home

by James Patton

It has come to my attention that many sources in the media are searching for a reason why the two boys in Colorado went on a shooting rampage in their own school. Parents all over the nation are searching for ultimate culprits, blaming the NRA, violence on TV and in movies, today's music, even the kind of peer groups their own teenagers hang out with. However, these same parents need not look any farther than the mirror.

Parents reading this letter will at this point invariably write it off as some rebellious teen venting his spleen. On the contrary, my parents and I have an incredibly open, trusting, respectful relationship. I have, however, experienced several parenting styles first hand, as well as observing many more second hand. I have made an academic study of many parenting philosophies, and thus, as I am a reasonably intelligent and informed person, I feel qualified to speak on this subject.

A majority of today's parents' problems with their offspring stem from their own hypocrisy. The parents of teenagers today are usually Baby Boomers, who smoked marijuana, knew free love, and tripped on LSD in their glory days. These same parents consider it a given that their son or daughter will also engage in these activities, and promise dire punishment should their kids be caught in the engaging. Not only is it unlikely that teens with a good home life will do any of these things, but furthermore, teens in this era face the same roadblocks in their relationship with their parents that the Boomers faced with post-war parents: no one wants to deal honestly with the hard issues across the generations. It is a lot of work. A far more effective stance, rather than "Do as I say, not as I did," would be one of providing first, honest information and an opinion that comes from experience, second, support to deal with their own lives as they see fit, and guidance to help their teen see more clearly. Finally, parents should act as a safety net to fall back on in the course of gaining experience. This facilitates an open relationship about serious issues. If a teen fears their parent's knowledge of an activity, they

will hide it, or go to their peers about it, much as their parents did before them. The vicious generational cycle of parents lying, by omission or commission to their children, and children hiding things from their parents from fear of reprisal if honest, must be broken. It will only end when parents make the effort to snap the chain. Teens understand Boomers had no better role model, but they can make a difference.

A lesser hang up of most parents, drilled into them by the enculturation they received from their parents, is respect for their children. If you respect your child, you trust them to make intelligent choices for themselves, and to learn from experience. This is the driving force behind Dr. Kevin Leman's "Reality Discipline" theories. Parents should not have to enforce rules; reality will do so in a much more efficient manner. Love cannot exist in the absence of trust. This philosophy begs the question in many parents' minds, "Why are my children worthy of respect?" In response, consider these: that children are people, not quasi-people, or almost people. Though minors are treated differently before the law, in reality, children are no less people than any other minority. Children also deserve respect because a child is capable of rational thought on an adult level at the age of five. Immaturity is not a function of age, but environment. Consider incidents of people who are grown legally, yet cannot keep a job, live on the street, are irresponsible, et cetera. Conversely, many children and teenagers are very responsible. They manage their grades, win scholarships, work for a living, and care for siblings. These examples show that children are capable of both listening to reason and reasoning things out on their own, and whether they do or not depends on their enculturation. Children are also worthy of respect because they are their parent's legacy.

They are what live on after their parents die. In summation, a person, capable of rational behavior, destined to be one's legacy, is worthy of your respect. In the extreme event that they are not, the fault lies not in them but in the parent, who, in their formative years, put them down in front of a TV to watch brainless cartoons, which change point of view less than every ten seconds. Again, this parenting behavior is a result of poor examples received from the post-war and previous generations, however, it need not continue.

Another area of some dispute is that of how much involvement parents should have in their children's lives. The answer is simply as much as is invited. Here parents basically branch into three categories, authoritarian, permissive, and authoritative. Authoritarian parents keep their children under their thumb, overprotecting them from reality. They never discuss the truth of issues in an objective manner, hiding or biasing it. This leads to a kid's choice of other source's opinions over their parent's. Children in these homes tend to buck the system, which causes the parents to put on more pressure, which leads to more rebellion by the kids, which leads to eventually, the child leaves home or has his will broken. (Note: this is considered psychological abuse in many states.) Of course, the other possible outcomes are suicide or shooting rampages. Permissive parents either worry about their children, but don't

want to interfere, and consequently keep quiet, or they don't care at all, practicing neglect. In this case, parents know the truth of a matter, but are afraid of the response if they attempt to bring it up. They may not know how to bring it up, due to the fact that their parents didn't either. An advantageous strategy might be an attitude of, "This is my opinion, here is why I hold it, and it is worth exactly what you paid for it." This approach engenders respect, and if teens respect their parents,

they will heed their non-enforced opinions. The reason this works is that children can listen to reason, and if they hear the reason behind a position, they will adhere to it. The key to gaining respect, in any case, is not to demand it, but earn it. Worthiness of respect is not handed down by Divine Right to anyone. It must be earned. Authoritative parents have a mutual respect for their children, while retaining full authority although it seldom needs enforcing. In the event that it does, the children, far from rebelling, are accepting because they understand an extreme circumstance. Authoritative parents are the rare medium. They understand that to receive respect, they must give it.

The last question I address will be that of why parents are to blame in the specific case of Colorado. (Or any other school shooting.) The key concept to keep in mind is this: *no one* in the entire world has as much impact

on any child's life than his parents. No one. If this is not the case, it should be, and the reason it is not is the parents' fault. Magazine covers such as, "Problem Teens—signs to look for in your child are common." It is the parents' responsibility to not lose touch with their child. They should not rely on mass media to help them relate to their flesh and blood. The problem is not in the teens, they are or had the chance to be perfectly normal. Their parents either did not tell them the truth of the world, choosing to attempt the impossible task of protecting them from it, or did not talk to them, allowing them to find their own way in the world with no information about it. The latter is akin to sending an expert marksman into a battle with no ammunition. Many books are written about understanding your adolescent or teenager: what to look for and when to seek help. The answer to one's child's behavior are not in books, magazines, or talk show. Instead they lie in honest conversation, and in listening to what one's child has to say. Children are capable of reason, remember?

(Note to parents: If you attempt to immediately "bond" with your child after years of neglect, they will not be receptive. They will consider it what it is, erratic behavior. Make a real change in your head. It will manifest itself over time.)



THE DOG CHRONICLES

Matt Davis and Rush Davidson

VOL I: The Boy and The Dog

The boy stared at the dog in amazement.

"Good morning, the boy," the dog said.

"Oh my gosh!" exclaimed the boy. "I didn't know you could talk."

"Yes, the boy," said the dog. "I also invented the wheel, the universe, electricity, Spanish, and the calculus."

"Neat!" said the boy. "Can you make me some breakfast?"

"I can, but I won't," said the dog. "Instead, I'm going to eat you."

The boy screamed, and the dog ate him.

THE END



VOL II: The Girl and The Dog

The dog was full.

"Hey!" said the girl. "You ate the boy!"

"No, I didn't," said the dog.

"Yes you did," said the girl. "I saw you. That's the boy's hand in your mouth."

"No, I don't have a mouth," said the dog. "The boy went on vacation."

"Of course you have a mouth," said the girl. "The dog, don't you see the boy's hand sticking out of it?"

"No. It's somebody else's hand, and I don't know what a mouth is, but I did discover toothpaste, and Antarctica."

"Neat!" said the girl. "Can you make me some breakfast?"

"Not right now," said the dog. "Maybe later, the girl. For now, I'm going to eat you."

The girl screamed, and the dog ate her.

THE END

VOL III: The Man and The Dog

The man scratched the dog's ears.

"Please, the man," said the dog, "scratch my ears."

"I am scratching your ears, the dog," noted the man.

"No, you're not," said the dog. "Those are your own ears you're scratching."

"I hate you," screamed the man. "You remind me of bamboo poles."

"Please don't accuse me of eating you're the children, the man," pleaded the dog. "I didn't eat them. Instead, I created camels, Women's Suffrage, sunspots, and the longbow. But not aquariums."

"Neat!" said the man. "Can you make me some breakfast?"

"Only if you stop scratching my ears. First, I'm going to eat you."

The man screamed, and the dog ate him.

THE END



VOL IV: The Woman and The Dog

The woman pointed at the dog.

"Stop pointing at me, the woman, lest I explode!" said the dog.

"Only if you tell me why you ate my the family, the dog," said the woman.

"No, the woman," said the dog, "I am a stupid dog, and don't know what eating is. But I did solve the riddle of the Sphinx, the Human Genome Project, arthropods, water, and toaster instructions."

"Neat!" said the woman. "Can you make me some breakfast?"

"No, because you forgot to stop pointing. I must eat you."

The woman screamed, and the dog ate her.

THE END

VOL V: The Farm Cow and The Dog

The farm cow entered the room.

"Howdy doo, the farm cow?" asked the dog.

"Moo!" responded the farm cow. He was quite impressed with how well the dog could speak the English language even though he couldn't and he had no idea what the dog was saying. "Moo, moo, moo moo!"

"Yes, I did kill your the family, the farm cow, but that's because I didn't find them aesthetically appealing for such a perfect world," replied the dog.

"Moo..." continued the farm cow.

"Don't patronize me, the farm cow," interrupted the dog, "or you will meet your doom, too."

"Moo."

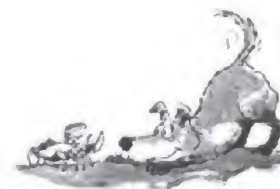
"Shut up, the farm cow. I conceived this world, you know, along with the abacus, the fountain drink, malnutrition, the verb, and the three car garage."

"Moo!" said the farm cow. "Moo moo, moo moo?"

"I can, but I won't, the farm cow. Instead, I'm going to eat you."

The farm cow screamed, and the dog ate it.

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A couple of reasons why the class of 1999 is the greatest ever to walk the halls of Montgomery Bell Academy

By Stuart Burkhalter

- < State Football Champions
- < The goalposts propped up against the Ball Building
- < Fourteen National Merit Finalists
- < Debate National Champions
- < Whittle Scholar, Morehead Scholar, Foundation Scholar
- < Most Ivy League acceptances in MBA history
- < First wrestling team to defeat Father Ryan in G-d-knows how long
- < Renewal of the MBA—Father Ryan rivalry
- < Highest Percentage of people on the Headmaster's list ever
- < Highest overall GPA in recent history
- < Class field trips during lunch to airplane fields
- < *Guys and Dolls*—sold out all four performances
- < *Guys and Dolls* cast party
- < Such legends as Niclas Horal-Shultz, Boyett, Gorrel, Grimes
- < First annual MBA Toga Party
- < Rozario/Fuson productions
- < The two best basements in history
- < Beaver ball—A team of ten MBA students competed for the last three years in the Catholic Church ball league at Father Ryan where they compiled a record of 16-4 against the best the Irish had to offer
- < Have a swell time and act

responsibly

- < Most members in the prestigious D.C. club (including Alex's mom)
- < Vanderbilt football signee, Davidson baseball signee, Florida and Virginia swimming signees, Vanderbilt golf signee
- < The fact that no one in the class had anything to do with the publication of the last *Bell Ringer*
- < CANCUN
- < Stolen golf carts and parking lot parties
- < Two blue ribbons in the National Greek Exam—tied for the best in the country
- < Acceptance of Stanley as a party constant
- < Two-time cross-country team State Championship
- < Two-time golf State Champion
- < Party at Bill's, laps in the park, doughnuts in Grassland's parking lot, successfully eluding Williamson County deputies, singing the MBA Alma Mater at the entrance to Daddy O's, "Rocky Top" on the buses, "When the load gets tough..." "When you lose control..." last-second interception in the Clinic Bowl, first laser show, "arbieter bibendi," proper fan support at soccer games, keegs, et cetera...

G-D IT'S BEEN FUN! Farewell.

"Seniors Pull It Off!"

"Prank Works to Perfection"

by Stephen Was

Toga...Toga...Toga...Thursday morning, May 20th, was a day to remember. About seventy percent of the MBA senior class arrived at 6:30 in the morning dressed in nothing but togas. Moreover, these seniors were determined to show the underclassman that they are the best class to ever walk the halls at MBA.

The last unofficial day of school started off with a bang as a line of over thirty cars paraded down Brighton Road with their horns blaring. After a short trip through the immediate neighborhood, the seniors moved in for the kill. Several teachers including Mr. Coverstone stood dumbfounded as the parade of cars quickly and efficiently filled the quadrangle and courtyard walkways. Will McMurray got the award for the best parking job as he backed his car wedged between the columns right up to the Davis Building doors. The group of seniors then proceeded to crank up the morning party by blasting songs by Bob Marley from Nathaniel Beaver's pick-up truck, which happened to contain a gas grill for the early-morning cook-out. Of course, the new statue was decorated for

the party. The fun was only beginning as the seniors created their own "slip and slide" using practice dummies and the sprinklers that happened to be spraying water near the steps to the front circle. Seniors, including Adam Hill and J.R. Rudolph, who did not wear their togas, were ostracized by being forced to take the trip down the slid. Even several junior scholars were seen sliding down the wet grass.

After completing phase one, the group of toga-wearing seniors marched into Mr. Gioia's back yard chanting and dancing. Much to the seniors' surprise, Mr. Gioia emerged from his house wearing a toga. The rowdy group from the class of 1999 then carried the headmaster back to the quadrangle to show him the scene.

Nonetheless, the morning concluded with a deluge of water balloons raining down on the courtyard. At approximately 11:41am, several colors of water balloons could be seen soaring over the Davis building and landing in the center of campus. The exact source of these balloons is not known, but it can be assumed that they were launched from the soccer field.

Letters to the Editor

Rebuttal to Refutation of Egotism

by Matt Davis

In the last issue of *The Bell Ringer*, a letter was written in response to a previously written article on MBA students' "taste" in women. That article was labeled "laughable," "crude," and "puerile," using "blatant sexism" which "confirmed many of the negative stereotypes... about the student body at MBA." The writer of the response did recognize that the "Poll on High School Women" was written in jest, yet chose to condemn it in an attempt to "save" the reputation of our students. We used the subject of women as a form of entertainment, and this deserves disapprobation because we treated women as objects—like meat, ready to be graded, polled, and graphed, as we did in that article two issues ago. Perfectly understandable.

However, one must also understand the fundamental reasons (though not necessarily justifications) for the articles creation in the first place. There is a difference between men and women, not of superior/inferior intellect, strength, spirit, etc., but simply of sex. In general, men are attracted to women, and women are attracted to men. Some discrimination by sex is inevitable because of this reproductive necessity. And, of course,

on some levels this discrimination is inexcusable. When extrapolating this one basic difference between male and female to inferiorities between the sexes, society gets hurt, and it sure is hard to heal. But we have simply pointed out the factual differences—the attraction of men to women—in a degree expected to be reached by both sides of the scale. Without this expressed "discrimination," if it can be called such, reproduction of the human species would come to a halt. Most men expect it from women, and most women expect it from men.

Has MBA's reputation been seriously altered? If so, perhaps the only reasons are responses such as last issue's. Radical feminism may be needed for a balance, but not in innocent, human situations as this one. Is there anything to fix? Certainly, I agree that the lack of severity in the taken survey must be mutually understood, but even the author of last issue's response recognized our true, comical intentions. Nothing has gotten out of hand, with perhaps the exception of the pointless controversy these articles have caused. In the future, it might be prudent for everybody to try to identify harmful sexism from the human basis of reproduction.

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1999 Debate Reigns as School's First National Champs

by Paul Johnson

Not Just Another year in the Doldrums: A Historic Year for Debate

Never in the history of all of MBA debate has there been a year such as this one. It saw heretofore unparalleled domination and victory. In a long and glorious history of debate success at MBA no group of people has done as well as the squad did this year. But while they won and competed in many late elimination rounds, the crowning achievement was the victory at the exceedingly difficult Tournament of Champions.

The TOC. The one tournament that is regarded by all real debate coaches as the definitive arena for deciding a national champion. MBA had qualified two teams for the prestigious contest. In order to be able to

compete in the TOC a team would have to be present in certain rounds of the tournament that were considered "bid" rounds, as demarcated by the Director of Debate at the University of Kentucky, Dr. J.W. Patterson. The two teams we had qualified were the units of Raja Gaddipadi and Robbie Quinn, and the team of Travis Swearingen and Samir Idrani. Both came in with high hopes of competing and doing well. But first there was the matter of the copious amounts of work needed in order to have the necessary files to deal with the veritable plethora of arguments run by excellent teams one has to deal with at the TOC. So the MBA debate team, from most reputable and talented, to those still developing debate skills, worked all around the clock to pump out the necessary files. This was MBA's best chance to win the Tournament of Champions and they would not be denied.

Now, however, is the time to explicate the story of the TOC curse. For three straight years MBA had gone to the TOC under the apt tutelage of Alan Coverstone, master debate coach and Chicago dining expert. Three straight years they failed to break. In fact the last

time MBA broke was in 1986 when a spry Warren Sprouse, now coaching debate in Iowa, got to the quarter finals of the TOC. So MBA was looking to break quite a drought for TOC success. And the circumstances for the lack of

breaking in the past years had also been exceedingly suspicious; one year mighty Rob Humbricht was not to be found anywhere so he was unable to prepare for a new affirmative that he was breaking in a do or die bump round. And top notch caliber debaters Michael Risen and Brian Stults had failed to clear their senior year despite being one of the top five teams in the country. They were attempting to break the

mold of mediocrity which had followed MBA at the TOC.

The team brought a plethora of extras to the TOC in order to ensure a competitive edge. Three coaches went up, including Mr. Tate, Jim Miller, and Mr. Coverstone to provide counseling and strategic aid. Two computers were brought up for late night internet searches and attempts to divine more literature on new arguments which would appear at the tourney. This tournament was so important that two sophomores even tagged along to provide useful scouting info for the competitors. Additionally, Adam Johnson and Jonathan Mott accompanied the group to do menial jobs like pandering T shirts on to unsuspecting debate coaches. One room was even rented serve only as a war-room for strategy sessions and concentrated work. This was one serious tournament.

The team left solemnly on Friday afternoon after school regarding the daunting task ahead of them. But there as no fear in the eyes of these competitors; only the cold desire to win with the eye of the tiger. All MBA debate had known this year was winning; anything less would be a major disappointment.

However, a special mix CD had been prepared to get the debaters psyched up for the tourney; including such easy listening hits as "Welcome to the Jungle" and "Rock you Like a Hurricane". The MBA debate team was ready for war, and hopefully, conquest.

We arrived on Friday evening, and hurriedly began preparations for the tournament. We set up the war-room with the computers we brought and began to work like crazy. Paul Pope and Paul Johnson, the two sophomore accompanies, were put to

good use in doing slavish menial tasks like cutting and taping, so that the Varsity boys could concentrate on more important work. Mr. Coverstone's wife was joyously received upon her bringing of foodstuffs for the particularly apt to hunger debaters. Mr. Coverstone's young child Mitchell came and served as a good luck charm. The team came as well armed as a team could.

Saturday morning was the start of the tournament. Raja and Robbie had what looked to be a cakewalk of a first round against a team that they were confident they could defeat while Travis and Samir were up against some solid competition. But Raja and Robbie

somehow lost, and old ghosts began to haunt them. To be able to pull out of a hole at the TOC is one of the toughest things a team can be asked to do. But they won the rest of their rounds that day, while Travis and Samir came out of day with a loss as well. The MBA team retired to the hotel room for an early bedtime to recharge for the tough day that was ahead of them on Sunday.

Sunday opened up as a definitively harder and more important day than any other in the History of MBA; except perhaps for the upcoming Monday. But alas, MBA debate would not come out of the day unscathed. While Robbie and Raja picked up all their rounds on that day Travis and Samir unceremoniously dropped to finish up 4-3. A crying shame for a team that had established itself in the top ten in the nation. But, like Obi Wan Kenobi, when they were struck down they became more powerful than anyone could imagine. They nobly sacrificed their precious sleep to work hard writing files and doing negatives for Robbie and Raja. This enabled Robbie and Raja to get some much needed sleep, even as Mr. Coverstone, still fighting through his zombie like trance, compiled a scouting report with Paul Pope and Paul Johnson,

and began to write negative files to new cases that had appeared.

MBA was ready to rock for the next days elimination rounds. But first was the awards breakfast. Raja garnered the award as the 6th speaker at the tourney. Quite a feat given that this tournament was comprised of the absolute best debaters in the country. Now came the elimination rounds.

Raja and Robbie broke as a high seed and were rewarded with a first round matchup against Valley High school of Iowa. They defeated them unanimously, then moving on to the quarterfinals and a match up against Brophy Prep school of Arizona whom they also defeated. In semi-finals they hit Lexington school out of Massachusetts and defeated them, and then in Finals triumphed over yet another

team from Lexington. Robbie and Raja had won the TOC. But it was truly a team effort to bring home this national championship. All participants

involved on the behalf of the MBA team would like to thank Mr. Tate and Mr. Coverstone for allowing a national championship to be brought home.

But let us not forget the triumphant conquests of this debate team throughout the whole year. It all started at the Wake Forest tournament where MBA let its presence be felt with an

absolutely dominating performance in all division. In the Varsity division Travis and Samir cleared while Robbie and Raja won the tournament; in the JV division the unit of Ian McDaniel and Scott Lewis also cleared to the double octas round while the unit of Paul Johnson and Dalton Franklin advanced all the way to Finals before losing on a tough 2-1 decision. And Adam Johnson (no relation) finished

2nd in the extemporaneous speaking division at Wake. The next tournament was the prestigious event at Greenhill School in Texas. There in the round robin that Robbie and Raja competed in they scored a second place finish, quite a solid performance. Then in the regular tournament, perhaps because of a post round robin lethargy, they dropped in the double



Entertainment

PRETTY STRANGE SITES



Exquisite Corpse

www.wmin.ac.uk/cgi-bin/scramble

This absurd web page randomly generates crazy subject-predicate combinations that refreshes (and amuses) every few seconds. This may truly be the reason the net was created. Mr. Lanier would be proud.

The Folkways Archive

ftp.mcad.edu/piotr2/folkways/start.html

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German UFO Watch

www.aircooledmind.org/alien.html

Was Hitler



attempting to secretly create UFOs using the VW. The highly disturbed proprietors of Seeking the Aircooledmind think so and have created this twisted web site to indoctrinate to their beliefs.

The Star Wars Preview

Site

www.geocities.com/SunsetStrip/Alley/7028/swosg.htm



Satire, Satire, Satire ... take a look at the highly anticipated Star Wars prequel, "Here Come the Jedis" which features Kramer as as young Obi-Wan, and Ernest Borgnine as the youthful Yoda. True fans can revel in the Special Edition that features added musical numbers by such talents as Vanilla Ice and Gordon Lightfoot. May the farce be with you.

Planet Ketchup

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Nerd Under Glass

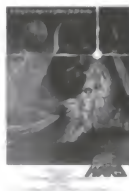
www.reallifetruman.com

Now, many of you have probably seen the movies EdTV and The Truman Show, where one person is perpetually followed by a camera throughout his life. Now, this on this web site a guy has actually subjected himself to the same set up. Although this may not sound that bad, but trust me it is. This site is just plain sick.

Digital Landfill

www.potatoland.org/landfill

This lovable site is an ode to trash. Collected throughout are pictures from various landfills in the United States as well as abroad.



Baseball Perseveres

by Eric Larence

**Note: All stats are before tournament*

The MBA baseball team finished an impressive season with an impressive record of 17-8. Against their top rivals BA, Goodpasture, Father Ryan and BGA the team was 4-4 during the regular season. Before the region tournament began, the Big Red had won 6 of their last 8 games. In the first round of Division II regional tourney MBA met Middle Tennessee Christian. A strong pitching performance from senior Steven Choate and Clark lea's batting (3-3, HR ,2B, 4 RBI) led MBA to a 14-4 victory. In the 2nd round the team fell short against Father ryan, leaving MBA one game away from elimination. The next game, against BA, turned out to be the "game of the year" for the Big Red Bombers. Going into the bottom of the 7th inning MBA

trailed the Evil Empire 5-4. With two outs, senior David Scobey came through with the game winning hit over the head of BA's centerfielder. Adam Mazzoni helped lead the way to victory with a strong pitching performance. Unfortunately MNBA fell short to Goodpasture despite a strong pitching performance from Will Tucker.

Clark Lea led the team in batting average, slugging %, and total hits, Cole Barfield produced strong statistics with a batting average of .368, 2HR and 17RBI's. Will Tucker led the team in runs, "Pip" Jones led in RBI's and Jay pettus had the best on base %.

The pitching staff was led by Will Tucker, Stephen Choate, and Adam Mazzoni. Tucker ended up with 43 SO in in 36 innings.

MBA will have a solid team returning for the 2000 season.

Midsummer Night's Dream

I loved the play and laughed aloud at the humor. Puck conveyed a delightful combination of subservience and mischief. The innocence, beauty, and humor of the play made it a classic among MBA's many productions. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is one of



Shakespeare's richest comedies. But, after the climax, the thing just drags out forever, through the wedding and the play-within-a-play and the fairy speeches. The scenes with Bottom, particularly between Bottom and Titania, were ripe with irony. The confrontations between Oberon and Titania are supposed to be humorous, as they are a parody of a disloyal wife and husband who have cheated on each other in an absurd number of instances. The quarrels between the lovers were lacking in energy because the actors played down the confrontational elements too much. When Helena (is it Helena or Hermia? I always mix them up) goes chasing after Demetrius, she is supposed to

be more aggressive. She is literally throwing herself at him, and thus sends him fleeing in terror. When Lysander suddenly begins to spurn Hermia, there should have been more disgust in his voice and his reactions, providing a juicy contrast to his melodramatic,

love-sappy-self of just minutes before, and a commentary on the waywardness of love. When Hermia and Helena are fighting, it should have been much more aggressive and there should have been more physical confrontation, particularly from Hermia's end...she is actually trying to claw Helena's eyes out! And Puck is supposed to be a devilish little imp. The characters never made you feel for them. The acting troop was not funny at all. I was really excited about seeing this play but they truly disappointed me. They didn't add anything to the story and detracted from the general storyline, which was tedious to begin with. It is a great play to watch with that someone special.

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Montgomery Bell Academy: TSSAA Middle Region Division II Track Champions

High Jump

Hamblen	Ryan	7'*
Thompson	USN	6'2"
Hewett	BA	5'10"
Walker	BA	5'10"
Bass	BGA	5'8"
Ward	MBA	5'8"
Banks	SAS	5'6"
Murphy	MBA	5'6"

Long Jump

Fleming	BGA	21'
McDonald	MBA	20'6.5"
Banks	SAS	20'2.5"
Thompson	USN	20'1.75"
Crawford	Ryan	20'
Harrison	BA	19'11.5"
Rich	MBA	19'5"
McGuire	BA	18'11.5"

Shot Put

Wells	BA	52'10"
Peterson	BA	52'9"
Hillenmeyer	MBA	49'10"
McMurray	MBA	45'9"
Schuyler	BA	45'9"
Fleming	BGA	45'6"
Camp	MBA	45'3"
Eggleston	GP	41'7"

Discus

Hillenmeyer	MBA	148'5"
Wells	BA	135'6"
Vanderpool	BA	134'4"
Denbo	MBA	125'
Duncan	MBA	123'8"
Dawson	BGA	121'9"
Higgins	Ryan	117'10"
Evans	BGA	113'9"

4x200m Relay

BGA	1:32.12
MBA	1:33.32
Ryan	1:34.29
BA	1:34.93

Pole Vault

Verner	MBA	14'
Perry	BA	13'6"
Miller	MBA	13'6"
Allen	BA	12'
Rutledge	BA	11'6"
Bass	MBA	10'
Bass	BGA	9'6"
Harlin	BGA	8'6"

Triple Jump

Fleming	BGA	43'5.5"
Thompson	USN	43'
Potter	BA	42'7"
Hillenmeyer	MBA	40'7"
Bass	BA	40'1"
McIntosh	MBA	39'6"
Banks	SAS	39'1.5"
Hammerlein	MBA	38'9.5"

3200m

Dean	MBA	9:52.0*
Scott	BA	10:25.2
Polley	BA	10:29.8
Sweeney	MBA	10:31.1
Cameron	MBA	10:50.3
Malloy	BA	11:06.3
Schaedle	BGA	12:24.0
Stephens	Ryan	12:24.3

110m Hurdles

McGuire	BA	15.55
Murphy	MBA	16.12
Ingram	MBA	16.25
Thompson	USN	16.55
Hillenmeyer	MBA	16.65
Allen	BA	17.38
McCloud	BGA	18.18
McElroy	BGA	18.89

4x100m Relay

MBA (Webb, McIntosh, 42.90*
Thompson, McDonald)

BA	44.40
Ryan	44.54
SAS	45.53
BGA	45.64
GP	47.27

100m

Fleming	BGA	10.96*
McDonald	MBA	11.36
King	SAS	11.46
Crawford	Ryan	11.49
Webster	BGA	11.66
Raymond	BA	11.76
Walker	BA	11.77

1600m

Dean	MBA	4:28.04
Lea	MBA	4:43.75
Scott	BA	4:47.06
Frazer	MBA	4:47.59
Polley	BA	4:49.73
Malloy	BA	
La Feve	Ryan	
Schaedle	BGA	

400m

Thompson	MBA	51.93
Ashley	BA	52.73
Allen	BA	52.73
Bass	MBA	53.17
Wylly	MBA	53.67
Higgins	Ryan	
Marsh	BGA	
Phillips	BGA	

4x400m Relay

MBA (Webb, Thompson
Bass, Rodriguez) 3:33.89

BA	
BGA	
Ryan	
USN	

300m Intermediate Hurdles

Baird	BA	42.11
Thompson	USN	42.75
Ingram	MBA	43.15
Hancock	MBA	43.52
Picklesheimer	Ryan	44.72
Johnson	BA	
Steele	BGA	
McElroy	BGA	

800m

Dean	MBA	1:59.47
Lea	MBA	2:01.51
Rudolph	MBA	2:04.28
Norfleet	Ryan	2:06.70
Thurman	BA	2:07.42
Kalmanek	Ryan	
Milam	BA	
Harmon	BGA	

200m

Fleming	BGA	22.38*
McDonald	MBA	22.68
McIntosh	MBA	22.95
Thompson	GP	23.51
Walker	BA	23.58
Musgrove	BGA	
Peterson	BA	
Archie	Ryan	

4x800m Relay

MBA (Zibernia, Verner, Reid, Rudolph)	
Ryan	8:30.22
BA	8:40.73
BGA	8:52.31
USN	9:25.68

by Andrew Frazer

Since 1993, the MBA Track Team has owned the Doug Hall Relays, and April 24 was no exception as the team

won its seventh consecutive championship in the brief history of this meet.

The team triumphed over such forces as Franklin Road Academy, Christ Presbyterian Academy, Brentwood Academy, and Hunters Lane by sixteen points. In the

fourteen varsity events, MBA took three first places (4x100m, Middle Distance Medley, Distance Medley), three second places, three third places, two fourth

places, one fifth place, one sixth place, and one eighth place. The Freshman Track Team was equally successful on this occasion. The Freshman took five first

places (Shot Put, Discus, 4x100m, 4x400m, 4x800), three second places, and one third

place. After losing some very important point scorers on the team to graduation, the 1999 team seemed a little less

powerful in massive victories. However, up-and-coming underclassmen have stepped up to fill their shoes and maintain impressive victories for MBA over perennial adversaries.

The previous dual meet season was even more triumphant for the MBA Track Team. The Big Red rolled past Overton, Hillsboro, Battle Ground Academy, and Father Ryan by an average margin over forty points. The Freshman team has been even more impressive in victories

over these teams and looks like a favorite for the Freshman City Championship for a twelfth consecutive time.

For the MBA Track Team to defend its State Championship, there will be plenty of hard work and excitement in the weeks to come.



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Senior Flashbacks



Is the Force, All Its made out to be?

by Jonathan Tam

Waiting for Star Wars—Confessions of a Waiting Fan

(If it sounds like I'm just complaining for the sake of complaining, that's exactly what I'm doing. In a shameless attempt of fill space, I have been force to trash a pseudo-sacred institution. As it stands I'm crying because of my cruelty to the hordes of fans all over the world.)



a little easier to get tickets to. Waiting is getting ridiculous. Now I think I'm going to write a letter to George Lucas. He'd understand how stupid these theatre people are. Maybe the gods will smile on me and these tickets I bought for 2 days from now will turn to gold. I hate waiting.

Day 3 - Still waiting (PMS stage)

I may be wrong, but All this

when you talk about those freaky people that know a little too much about the *Star Wars* universe, you're talking about me. Just about the only thing that separates me from the common fanatic is the lack of a Princess Leia sex fantasy. She just doesn't do anything for me; even her breakthrough performance in *The Return of the Jedias* Jabba's slave wasn't as alluring as people claim.

From a scale of one to sex-starved-*Star Wars*-junk-

stalker, I'm probably an eight. That fact alone places me pretty high on the loser tree, but not high enough to compel me to watch the movie at 12:01 on a Wednesday morning. Sure there was a temptation, but it is really worth it? If all these *Star* hungry fans have been waiting over ten years for this prequel, are a few hours going to make a difference in the movie experience? I suppose people want the bragging rights.

But how impressive is it really when somebody says, "I saw *The Phantom Menace* on opening night...uh... morning"? I tend to wonder how much of a life these people have.

Now, I'm not criticizing my friends, because it's only expected that teenagers act a certain way. And I feel the same way. But there were a few too many pudgy middle aged people craving the return of *Star Wars*. When I dream about aging, I want to retain a certain amount of vitality, but I think that type of behavior goes beyond vitality into the realm of lunacy.

Day 4 - Melt down (exhaustion from the wait)

I have one more day. Please give the strength to survive.

Day 5 - Success (bliss)

That was orgasmic. I think I'll go see it again next week. When's Lucas coming out with the next film?



Neeson stands head and shoulders above Portman—and the rest of the cast.



Jar Jar Binks brings out the best and worst in Episode I.

Day 1 - Set Back (Calm)

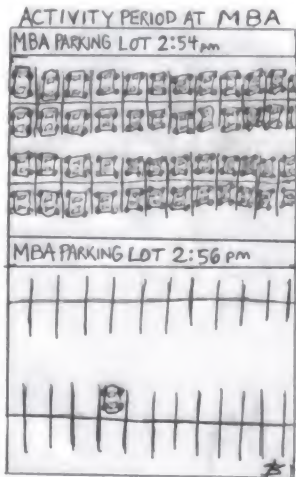
I'm a busy man. I can't watch the movie tomorrow night. There's a Biology exam. And I wouldn't want to be with the big crowds anyway. It's best to wait.

Day 2 - No tickets (Peeved)

Now I may be wrong, but shouldn't the theaters have prepared for this scenario. The hype was incredible as it stands. More people should be playing the movie. If you think that a movie is going to kick the pansy movie *Titanic* off the charts you'd think that they would have made it

hoopla over the new *Star Wars* prequel, *The Phantom Menace*, is the first sign of the apocalypse. It's not that I'm a *Star Wars*-hater, because I'm not. In fact,

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DEDICATION

Farewell.....Sort Of

by Tom Weaver

Remembering The Hill while I'm getting 'more educated

Totomoi. Old photographs. "Forging a generation ahead" Gate receipts for Ryan's Drennan. Virginia Hollins' grace. Alumni remembering "the way it was." Mike Drake getting his own school. Frank Novak, the "fire marshal." June Bowen tutoring. The Davis building... "Finally a place for the arts." Old trees. Debate scholarships. T.O. coaching from his car. Lucian guarding the Ball building on game nights. R. A. Dickey's pitching. Friday afternoon pep rallies. Irish scrubbing the cannons. Wrestling vans leaving for Chattanooga. Awed alumni viewing campus changes. "Festival for the Arts." *Dead Poets Society*. Hosting America at the Southern Bell. The electricity of a sub-state basketball game vs. Franklin. Soup Kitchens. John Bennet watching behind the right field fence. Douglas Paschall's Father-Son goodbye. Anne Christeson's "Cicero Project." Theater productions. The Paschalls at the White House. Renard Francois 90' returning for the Southern bell. Wallace alumni providing for a senior. *Hit the Red Gate Running*. Annual fund participation. Fred Forehand at his last game. Coming from 18 points down to beat Ryan. Habitat for humanity weekend. Howard Reitz 93' reminding us to take nothing for granted. Varina Buntin joining the board. Virtuosos rewarded in assembly. MBA art hanging in Washington. Bill Frist 70' elected Senator. Gallatin's first opening season loss in 22 years. Alumni dads and granddads coming through again. Amy grant's singing. Mrs. Lowry's "Matters of Heart" speech. Commencement with Morgan Entekin 73'. Junior ring ceremonies. "Adults" messing things up with the public private split. "Men of Harlech" by Joe Thompson W'37. Admiral William Prusher receiving his "Distinguished Alumnus" award. Keeping it going thanks to Patrick Roberts 88'. The Sanders '97. "Good 'ol Days" talks by nelson Andrews '45. Faculty "handicapped parking" from the Seniors. David Dean, William Lea and State Cross Country Championships. Tornadoes. Morton B. Howell '35 singing "Many a man is proud to sayhe was once a boy at MBA." Robert and Margaret Coleman. Jim Poston epitomizing the "Old Guard". What is it about MBA? answered for the alumni spouses. Howard Allen 34' receiving his due. Cole Barfield 99' cementing the State Championship. Erik Milam wearing # 1 Consummate gentleman... Cecil Woods Jr. '39. Fuson-Rozario Productions. Robert Inman's legacy. Vicki's patience. National Champs raja and Robbie. Honoring good will. Seeing my son graduate. Alumni wearing their MBA rings. Coming back to terrorize you.



Thomas Weaver

In thinking about Montgomery Bell Academy, many alumni think of only one man, Mr. Tom Weaver. Since his 1965 graduation from MBA, Mr. Weaver has remained close to the school and the students themselves.

Through his work in the Alumni and Development Office, Mr. Weaver guides the money raising operation that plays a major role in building MBA to its current state. During the MBA Debate tournament, The Southern Bell Forum, A coach from Glenbrook South in Chicago stated "This is all him," in referring to the resources that the Debate Team and entire school have.

At nearly every school function on and off the campus, Mr. Weaver is seen enjoying every aspect of the action. Although taking a behind the scenes role, Mr. Weaver is always there to support every aspect of the MBA community.

In his departure from MBA, the community will experience and great and a tremendous void. Although others will fill his position, no one will EVER replace illustrious and often infamous Tom Weaver.



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octafinals. Travis and Samir fell in the octas. The next tournament was that located at West Des Moines Valley in Iowa. There the only Varsity team MBA sent, that of Jon Green and Joe Marianelli, fell victim to a difficult draw and only ended up 3-3. Meanwhile, in the JV division the unit of Paul Johnson and Dalton Franklin advanced to the semifinal round before losing a tough round to Millard West out of Nebraska. The next competition that MBA saw was tough as they traveled up to Chicago for the Illinois season opener at new Trier high school. Other than the occasional antics of Joe Marianelli and the psychotiveness of Paul Pope the tourney was rather uneventful seeing 3-3 performances in a tough Varsity division. The next weekend



was one of complete and utter domination by MBA. The school split its crew for the next weekend sending the units of Raja Gaddipadi and Robbie Quinn and the one of Travis Swearingen and Samir Idrani to the Iowa Caucus tournament at CR Wash. MBA won that tournament with the unit of Raja and Robbie winning and the unit of Travis and Samir making it to semis. Meanwhile In New York City,

the unit of Joe Marianelli and Jon Green won the tournament held at Bronx Science school in the Bronx. It was a very special occurrence for MBA to take two championships in one weekend. And the weekend before that Adam Johnson stormed the tournament and won the Decatur Invitational River City Classic. Then on the 3rd weekend in October MBA once again split the troops up, sending units to Calhoun in Georgia and the prestigious tournament in St. Mark's. At the tournament in Calhoun the unit of

Ian McDaniel and Paul Johnson advanced to the octafinals in the Varsity division. Meanwhile, in Texas the MBA units of Travis and Samir and Robbie and Raja performed admirably at the tournament, with Raja and Robbie advancing to the quarterfinals round even as Travis and Samir got roadblocked in octafinals. Meanwhile Adam Johnson placed 3rd in domestic extemp

and 2nd in foreign extemp. The next tournament we attended was the tournament at Homewood. In the Varsity policy division MBA broke 5 out eight teams that cleared. The units of Paul Johnson and Dalton Franklin, Raja Gaddipadi and Joe Marianelli, Thomas Ross and Samir Idrani, Robbie Quinn and Jon Green, and the units of Paul Pope and Trey Tally all broke, with Pope and Tally scoring an

upset in the quarterfinals even as Robbie and Jon won the tournament. Adam Johnson placed second there in extemporaneous speaking. The next tourneys were on the same weekend the tournament in Chicago held at the Glennbrooks schools and the lesser known but still existent Carrollton tournament at the school of that name in Georgia. The varsity unit of Robbie and Raja won the Glennbrooks tourney while Travis and Samir dropped in octas, even as Adam Johnson placed 4th in extemporaneous speaking. Meanwhile in GA, Trey and Paul won the JV division. The next tournament was that at the University of Kentucky. Raja Gaddipadi was 1st speaker in the Varsity Policy division and he advanced to quarters with Thomas

Ross. In the JV division the unit of Paul Johnson and Dalton Franklin broke top seed but dropped in quarters. Dalton was the top speaker in that division. The unit of James Patton and Eric Wachtler also broke in the novice division. The next tournament was that held at Emory University in Atlanta in the winter and MBA did well there as well, as the unit of Raja and Robbie finished second even as Raja was second speaker and Robbie was 5th. And Travis and Samir once again

broke but then dropped in double octas. The next tournament was the districts a qualifier where MBA easily rolled over the competition to qualify two teams for Nationals. Then came the tournament at Vestavia Hills High school in Birmingham

Alabama. There the units of Raja Gaddipadi and Robbie Quinn, Jon Green and Paul Johnson, Samir Idrani and Dalton Franklin, all advanced to the elimination rounds. Adam Johnson won the extemporaneous speaking division there as well for the second straight year in a row. Next up Adam qualified for the nationals tournament in extemp. Next came Woodward at which the units of Scott Lewis and Josh Rosenblatt and that of



Paul Pope and Trey Tally both broke in the JV division. Eric and James again broke in the novice division. At the tournament at Northwestern in Evanston Illinois Travis was fourth speaker and Raja was the top speaker even as Raja and Robbie won the tourney. Then came the TOC which we all know about. So special thanks to our coaches, Jim Miller, Billy Tate, Alan Coverstone, and Dennis DeYoung on a great season.

1999 University of Kentucky Tournament of Champions Debate Tournament

May 1 - 3, 1999

Lexington, Kentucky

Octafinals	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Finals	1999 TOC Champs
1. Caddo Magnet HS (LA)	1. Caddo Magnet HS (LA)	8. Lexington Hutchins/ Manschreck (MA)	4. MBA Gaddipati/Quinn	MBA Raja Gaddipati/Robbie Quinn
16. Grapevine GU (TX)	8. Lexington HM (MA)	4. MBA Gaddipati/Quinn		
8. Lexington HM (MA)	12. Brophy Prep MS (AZ)	11. Lexington Lynn/Cohen (MA)	11. Lexington Lynn/Cohen (MA)	
9. Pace Academy HT (GA)	4. MBA Gaddipati/Quinn	7. College Prep Beckley/Neril (CA)		
5. Glenbrooks North PS (IL)	3. Greenhill ET (TX)			
12. Brophy Prep MS (AZ)	11. Lexington LC (MA)			
4. MBA Gaddipati/Quinn	6. Bellarmine College Prep SS (CA)			
13. Valley BA (IA)	7. College Prep BN (CA)			
3. Greenhill ET (TX)	15. Glenbrooks South BF (IL)			
14. Greenhill OH (TX)				
6. Bellarmine College Prep SS (CA)				
11. Lexington LC (MA)				
7. College Prep BN (CA)				
10. Colleyville (Renn/Linfo)				
15. Glenbrooks South BF (IL)				
2. Head Royce VF (CA)				